



*A BILL for the better Regulation of  
the Militia in that Part of Great  
Britain called England.*



**Whereas** it is of absolute Necessity, that that Part of the Nation of *Great Britain*, called *England*, be constantly furnished and supplied with a Body of able and expert Soldiers, for the Safety and Support thereof, and for the Suppression and Repulsion of Invasions, Insurrections, and Rebellions :

**And whereas** these Services cannot be strenuously, faithfully and satisfactorily performed, but by the Natives of that Kingdom, regularly formed into Corps, and well disciplined ; to whom alone, under the Direction of his Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, the Defence of this Realm can be legally intrusted :

**And whereas** by an Act of Parliament, made in the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Years of the Reign of his late Majesty King *Charles* the Second, intituled, *An Act for the Ordering the Forces in the several Counties of this Kingdom*, it was, amongst other Things, Enacted, That in case of Invasions, Insurrections or Rebellions, whereby Occasion should be to draw out the Soldiers, mentioned and appointed in and by the said Act, into actual Service, the Persons charged by the said Act, with Horses, Horsemen and Arms, should provide each their Soldier respectively with Pay in Hand, not exceeding One Month's Pay, as should be in that Behalf directed by the respective Lieutenants of the several Counties,

ties; and in their Absence, or otherwise, by their Direction, by their Deputies, or any Two or more of them; for Repayment of which said Monies, and for Satisfaction of the Officers for their Pay during such Time, not exceeding One Month, as aforesaid, as they should be with their Soldiers in such actual Service, it was thereby Declared, That Provision should be made for the same by his said Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, out of his or their publick Treasury or Revenue; nevertheless, it was thereby further Provided and Enacted, That in case a Month's Pay should be provided and advanced, as aforesaid, that no Person, who should have advanced his Proportion thereof, should be charged with any other like Month's Payment, until he or they should be reimbursed the said Month's Pay, and so from time to time the said Month's Pay by him or them last before provided and advanced, as aforesaid:

**And whereas** it appears, that a Month's Pay has been formerly advanced, which has not been yet repaid:

**And whereas** it is uncertain, when, by whom, and in what Counties the said Month's Pay was advanced, so that his Majesty cannot know to what Persons he shall direct the Repayment thereof; and that the Impediment thereby arising, for raising the Militia, is of dangerous and destructive Consequence to this Nation: **Be it therefore Enacted,**

**By the KING's most Excellent MAJESTY,**

By and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in Parliament assembled, That his Majesty's Gazetteer do give publick Notice, That the several Receivers of the Land-Tax within the Kingdom of *England*, Dominion of *Wales*, and Town of *Berwick upon Tweed*, will, at their several Places of Receipt, and on the Days of receiving the Land-Tax of the Year for the Quarter which shall be due at reimburse to all Persons, who shall prove themselves legally intitled thereunto, the Month's Pay formerly by them advanced.

**And thenceforth, Be it Enacted and Declared,** by the Authority aforesaid, That the King's most Excellent Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, from and after the shall and may issue forth Commissions of Lieutenancy for the several and respective Counties, Shires, Ridings, Divisions, Cities, and Places of *England*, Dominion of *Wales*, and Town of *Berwick upon Tweed*; which Lieutenants shall have full Power and Authority



Authority to call together all such Persons, at such Times; and to arm and array them in such Manner, as is hereafter expressed and declared: And that the said respective Lieutenants shall have full Power and Authority, from time to time, to constitute, appoint, and give Commissions to such Persons, as they shall think fit, to be their Deputy-Lieutenants, Colonels, Lieutenant-Colonels, Majors, and other Commissioned Officers, to train and discipline the said Persons so to be armed and arrayed.

**Provided always, and it is hereby Enacted,** That in every distinct Hundred, Lathe, Rape, or Wapentake of every County, Riding, Division, or Shire of *England*, Dominion of *Wales*, or Town of *Berwick upon Tweed*, there be one or more Deputy-Lieutenant or Lieutenants appointed, if such can be therein found, who shall be rated, and pay, within the same County, Riding, Division, or Shires, to the Land-Tax for

*per Annum*: And that the Colonels be Persons rated and paying to the Land-Tax somewhere within the Counties, Ridings, Divisions, or Shires, wherein they shall be appointed to command for

*per Annum*: And that the said Lieutenant-Colonels, Majors, and Captains, be in like manner rated; and do pay to the Land-Tax for

*per Annum*: And that the other Commissioned Officers be rated, and pay, in like manner, to the Land-Tax for

*per Annum*; and have, moreover, their usual Place of Residence and Abode as near as possible to the general Rendezvous of the Companies, wherein they shall be commissioned to command: Always understood, That his Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, have Power and Authority to displace such Officers; and to direct, that others within the same Counties, Ridings, Divisions, Shires, and Town of *Berwick upon Tweed*, and under the like Circumstances, be appointed in their Lieu or Places.

**And it is hereby Enacted and Declared,** That if any Person or Persons shall presume to act herein, or to execute any of the Powers hereby conferred, or to be conferred, on Deputy-Lieutenants, Commissioned Officers, Mustermasters, or Clerks, every such Person, not qualified as above is, or herein after shall be, required, shall

for accepting a Commission as a Colonel  
and every inferior Commissioned Officer  
to be on his Goods and Chattels, by  
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County, Riding, or Division, wherein the Offence shall be committed; the Justices whereof are hereby authorized and required to grant

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that the incurred may be applied to the Uses here-  
in appointed: And all and each of the said Officers, when there-  
unto requested, by or more Freeholders, at a Quarter-  
Session of any County, Riding, or Division, to which the said  
Freeholders, and Officer or Officers, shall belong (of which Re-  
quest the Clerk of the Peace shall leave Notice in Writing, at the  
usual Place of Abode of the Officer or Officers so called upon)  
shall deliver his or their Qualification in Writing, under his or  
their Hands, to the said Quarter-Session, at the ensuing Meeting,  
there to be recorded; of which Record any Person may have a  
Copy, on paying to the said Clerk of the Peace.

And be it Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That the  
said Lieutenants, and their Deputies, being in  
Number, or in the Absence of the Lieutenants, the Deputy-  
Lieutenants, or any or more of them, shall meet  
in every Year; viz. on at  
the principal Town of the County, Riding, Division, or Shire,  
for which they shall be commissioned, there to concert such  
Measures, as shall be most conducive to the faithful Execution of  
this Act; and to hear and redress Complaints; and thence to sub-  
divide themselves: And the said Lieutenant and Deputy-Lieute-  
nants, and any or more of them, within his or their  
several Subdivisions, shall and may summon before him or them,  
the respective Clerks of the Commissioners of the Land-Tax; and  
direct and require the said Clerks to lay before him or them, at a  
Day certain, true Copies of the last Duplicates, by which the  
Land-Tax was appointed to be raised and collected; and also  
shall and may summon the Constables, Tythingmen, or other  
Parish-Officers, within his or their respective Districts or Subdi-  
visions; and require and order them to prepare and make up in  
Writing, fair and true Lists of all Men, Householders, Inmates,  
Persons dwelling in Hospitals, Poor-houses, and others, being,  
to the best of the said Officers Judgment, between the Ages of  
and Years; certifying, if any of the said  
Persons be Papists, Quakers, or labour under Diseases; and if so,  
what their Distempers are reputed to be: The said Copies of  
Duplicates, and Lists, to be delivered on Oath; which Oath the  
said several Lieutenants, or any or more of their De-  
puties, are hereby impowered to administer: And in case of Re-  
fusal, Neglect or Failure of the said Clerks, Constables, Tything-  
men, or other Parish-Officers, to do as is herein directed, the  
said Lieutenants, and of their Deputies, or any  
or more Deputy-Lieutenants, are hereby impowered  
to send to, and the said  
Clerks,



Clerks, Constables, Tythingmen, or other Parish-Officers

or otherwise, at their Discretions, to  
not exceeding

**And it is hereby also further Enacted,** That the Number of private Foot Soldiers, to be by virtue hereof annually raised in the Counties, Shires, and Ridings of that Part of *Great-Britain* called *England*, shall be

And moreover  
Commissioned and Non-commissioned Officers, amounting in the Whole to which will compose

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to each Company, and when regimented  
Regiments of to each Regiment, and over and  
above the same Companies of

each: And whenever, on forming the said Regiments, it shall appear, that there shall be more or fewer Companies in any one County, Riding, or Division, than will complete a Regiment, when called out, for the Suppression of actual Invasions, Insurrections, or Rebellions, it shall then be lawful for adjoining Lieutenants, to form the said odd Companies into a Regiment, by and with his Majesty's Consent and Directions: And the said Regiment shall be under the Command of a Colonel of that County, which shall furnish the greater Number of Companies: And the respective Receivers-General of the Land-Tax of *England*, Dominion of *Wales*, and Town of *Berwick upon Tweed*, are hereby directed and impowered by under the Hands of the respective Lieutenants, and Deputies, or, in their Absence from their respective Counties, by under the Hands of Deputy-Lieutenants, executed at their on the

to rate, and  
collect within their respective Counties, Ridings, or Divisions, by an equal Cess, according to the last Land-Tax, a Sum amounting to per Man for the said

Men, and pay the same over to the respective Regimental Treasurers, and Clerks of Companies, at a Day and Place prefixed by the said Lieutenants, or their said Deputies; to be by them applied, for furnishing the said Men with necessary and convenient Arms, after the Model of those, which shall be then used by his Majesty's regular Troops; and also to each Company, for Drums, Colours, Gunpowder, and Flints;

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which Arms, when so provided, shall serve for any Alteration of Fashion notwithstanding.

**And be it further Enacted**, by the Authority aforesaid, That the said respective Lieutenants shall nominate and appoint a Treasurer to every Regiment; who shall give good Security; and where there shall be Companies, that cannot be conveniently formed into Regiments, a Clerk to each of the said Companies; which Clerk so nominated shall also be Muster-master of the said separate Company, and also a Muster-master to each Regiment: All which Officers shall be nominated and appointed by the respective Lieutenants out of the Freeholders of the distinct Counties, wherein the said Regiments or Companies shall be raised, and out of the Neighbourhood thereof: And that, from the said Lists, each respective Lieutenant, with Deputy-Lieutenants, at the Subdivisions, or Deputy-Lieutenants, at any Subdivision, shall, according to the best of their Discretions, and out of such as dwell the nearest to one another, form and establish Companies and Regiments of Soldiers; each Company to consist of Foot Soldiers or Men; who are hereby, on Notice, directed and required to appear before the said several Lieutenants, and their Deputies, or before Deputy-Lieutenants, at the Times and Places assigned them; and, in Presence of the Lieutenants, or their Deputies, as aforesaid, to subscribe their Names to a Muster-Roll, and engage to serve as Foot Soldiers in manner as herein after shall be directed, on for every Omission of Appearance, or Refusal to subscribe the Muster-Roll, to be on his or their Goods and Chattels, by which shall be paid over to any proper Person desirous to inroll, in lieu of the Person neglecting to appear, or to sign: And the said Lieutenants shall commission and appoint over the said Soldiers so inrolled, Officers qualified, as herein before is set forth; that is to say, over each Company, One Captain, One Lieutenant, and One Ensign; which said Officers shall train and discipline the said Companies at the Times, and according to the Manner and Forms herein after expressed; that is to say, That the Captains of the said several Companies shall appoint over the said private Men in each Company Serjeants, Corporals, and Drummers, to train and exercise the private Men, on

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And the said Captains shall leave and deposit with the



the Churchwardens of every Parish, wherein his Soldiers shall dwell, Guns and proper Arms for them; which the Churchwardens are hereby required carefully to preserve, in some proper and safe Place, in or near the Church, under Lock and Key; and they, or one of them, alternately, is and are to take care, that, after Exercise, every Soldier cleans and returns his Arms; and on the Parade, or Place of Exercise, to call over the Names of the Soldiers, and Non-commissioned Officers, appointed to preside within their respective Parishes, at the Exercise, to be present the whole Time; and at the End of to sign, and deliver to the Person appointed by the Captain to exercise the Men, or to the Captain, the Names of the Absentees, with the Reasons of their Absence, if known to him or them; and shall also certify, in like manner, if any of the said Non-commissioned Officers or Soldiers be mutinous and refractory: And the said Captains, on the Certificates of the said Churchwarden or Churchwardens, and Evidence of any one other Person, are hereby empowered and required to subtract from the Pay of every such absent Soldier, whose Excuse he shall not allow of,

for each Omission of Duty, over and above the Day's Pay he would have been intitled to for his Attendance; and, on the said Certificates and Evidence, to punish the Mutinous and Refractory by

on the subsequent Day of Exercise, during all the Time of Exercise, in Presence of the Men whilst under Arms, as he shall think most convenient: And whereas there are in this Kingdom many small Parishes, that will supply but few Soldiers, it shall and may be lawful therefore to and for the Captain of any Company, in any Parish or Parishes, where the Soldiers are not

in Number, and where the Churches are not by Admeasurement more than asunder, to direct, that the Soldiers shall, with their Arms, which the Churchwardens are hereby for that Purpose required and directed to deliver them, and receive back again at their Return, assemble by Rotation, at such distinct Parish-Churches, on there to exercise; and the Captains shall nominate, at which of the said Parish-Churches the said Rotation shall begin: And if any Soldier shall break or embezzle his Arms, his Captain, on Notice thereof, is hereby empowered and required immediately to cause him to repair and make good the same, or to buy new ones; and, in case of his Refusal so to do, any Justice of the Peace of the County, Riding or Division, wherein he serves, upon the Complaint of the Captain, is hereby empowered and required to send the said Soldier to

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And the said Captains, and in case of their Absence, the said inferior Commissioned Officers, according to their Seniority, are hereby impowered and required on at the  
End of every of the said herein  
mentioned, to call together their whole Companies, at some convenient Parish, not further than  
from whence the greatest Number of their Soldiers shall dwell;  
and the same to keep together, and exercise in shooting at Marks,  
or otherwise, according to the Discipline of War, during

And if any inferior Commissioned, Non-commissioned Officer, or Soldier, shall, during that time, desert, be mutinous, rebellious, negligent, or otherwise disobedient to the lawful Commands of his said Captain, or inferior Officers, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Captain, and he is hereby impowered, by and with the Consent of the nearest Justice of Peace, who is hereby required to hear what shall be alleged against the said respective Persons herein described, and to determine justly, and according to Evidence, to punish the said Commissioned Officer or Officers by

a Return of which said shall within  
be made to the Lieutenant, who is hereby, by Warrant to the Constable of the Parish, wherein the said Officer shall dwell, impowered to cause the same to be

unless immediately paid: But it shall be in the Power of the Lieutenant, at his Discretion, to mitigate the same, or to if he shall see Cause:

And the said Non-commissioned Officers and Soldiers to  
in like manner, by

or by

in the Presence of the Company, for during the  
Time the Company shall be kept together, or by

according to the Nature of the Crime, and Discretion of the Commanding Officer: And it shall and may be lawful for the Colonels, and they are hereby required, and, in their Absence, for the Lieutenant-Colonels, Majors, and Captains, once in every  
Year,



Year; viz. in the Month of *October*, on giving Notice to their inferior Officers, who shall give Notice thereof to the private Men, to call out into some convenient Place, as near as possible to the Centre of the County, Riding, or Division, wherein their respective Regiments shall lie, all the Companies which shall compose the said Regiments, and the same there to muster, exercise, and keep together, for the Space of \_\_\_\_\_ and the Absent, Mutinous, and Refractory, to \_\_\_\_\_ in like manner, as the Captains herein before-mentioned are impowered to do : And the said Colonels are hereby required to transmit unto His said Majesty's Lieutenants, to their Houses, within their respective Counties, within \_\_\_\_\_ after the said general Muster, a Roll or Muster of every distinct Company within their several Regiments, to be by him compared with the particular Muster-Rolls of the said Captains; wherein, if any Difference be found, except what shall be occasioned by Desertion, Death, Sicknefs, or other inevitable Accidents, the said Lieutenants are hereby impowered and required to \_\_\_\_\_ the offending Officers by \_\_\_\_\_ at their Discretions, not exceeding \_\_\_\_\_ to be \_\_\_\_\_ in manner as above described.

**Provided nevertheless,** That if any Officer, or private Man, herein described, shall voluntarily enter into any of His Majesty's regular Troops, he shall not be deemed guilty of Desertion, but shall be intitled unto, and receive from the proper Officer, all the Pay due to him to the Time of his so Inlisting.

**Provided also, and it is hereby Enacted,** That no married Freeholder, nor any Person paying to the Land-Tax for \_\_\_\_\_ *per Annum*, nor any Person *bona fide* renting \_\_\_\_\_ or more, nor Apothecaries, licensed Doctors or Surgeons, be compellable to serve in any of the said Regiments or Companies; any thing herein to the contrary notwithstanding.

**And it is hereby Enacted,** by the Authority aforesaid, That at the End of every Year, to be accounted from every \_\_\_\_\_ new Lists shall be prepared, in manner as above is directed; and new and other Officers and Soldiers shall be appointed, except Colonels, Lieutenant-Colonels, and Majors, who shall have it in their Option to continue in Service, or be discharged: And the said new-appointed Officers and Soldiers are, by the Authority aforesaid, subjected to the same Rules, Orders, and Regulations, to which the preceding ones were liable.

**Provided always,** That one Commissioned Officer in a Company, and private Men, may serve for Years, at their own Requests, by and with the Consent of His Majesty's said Lieutenants.

**And** for a Recompence to the Officers and Soldiers to be hereby raised, **Be it Enacted,** That they shall severally receive Pay, at the Times, and in the Manner and Form following, when on Duty; viz. on the a Serjeant, a Corporal, a Drummer, a private Man; and at their Meetings and Muster, at the End of every a Captain, a Lieutenant, an Ensign, a Serjeant, a Corporal, and a private Man, by the Day; and the same Pay at their annual Meeting, except at this last-mentioned Time, to the Colonels, to the Lieutenant-Colonels, to the Majors *per diem*, in the Whole, and not by way of Increase, or Augmentation of Pay: Always understood, that the Colonels, Lieutenant-Colonels, and Majors, being also Captains of Companies, shall be intitled to the Pay of Captains, and no more, at other times, than at the General Annual Meeting; and also to a Muster-master, at the general Meeting for Musters and Returns, to the Lieutenant, *per diem*, and to a Clerk of a Company, *per diem*.

**And it is hereby further Enacted,** That the several Lieutenants, with of their Deputy-Lieutenants, or, in the Absence of the Lieutenants, Deputy-Lieutenants, do certify, under their Hands, unto the Receiver or Receivers-General of their respective Counties, how many Regiments and Companies are raised within the same; and what the Charge of Paying, Mustering, and Exercising them, will amount to, according to the Rules and Directions of this Act; and do require him or them to lay a proportionable and equal Tax on the real Estates in the several Divisions, in their several Counties, for the annual Payment thereof, except as herein after is excepted and provided: And the said Receiver or Receivers are hereby authorized and required to do as by the said Lieutenants, or their Deputies, shall be directed; and to collect the same, or cause the same to be collected, by the several Collectors of the Land-Tax, at their ensuing Quarterly or Half-yearly Collection; and to pay unto the respective Treasurers of the Regiments, to be hereby raised, their Pay and other Expences, at such Times, and in such Proportions, as he shall be in Writing directed to do, by the respective Lieutenants and of their Deputies, or, in their Absence, from their Counties, by Deputy-Lieutenants.

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**And be it Enacted,** That the respective Treasurers of Regiments, do pay into the Hands of the Churchwarden or Churchwardens of the respective Parishes, wherein any Soldiers within their Regiments shall dwell or inhabit, upon Application from the said Churchwardens, at the End of every Month, so much Money as will pay the Serjeants, Corporals, Drummers, and private Men, within their distinct Parishes, for their Exercise on *Sundays*; and take his or their Receipts for the same; which Receipts the respective Treasurers shall deliver up unto some Commissioned Officer in the Company where the said Soldiers shall serve, to be by the said Commissioned Officer delivered to the Muster-master, at the Annual or General Meeting, that he may compare the same with the Muster-Roll of the Company; and that the said Treasurers do also, at the Annual Muster, and at every

Muster or Exercise, pay unto the Commissioned, Non-commissioned Officers, and private Men, the Pay herein allotted them, taking proper Vouchers; and that the said respective Treasurers do, at the General or Annual Muster of distinct Regiments, account with the Lieutenant and Deputy-Lieutenants, or, in the Absence of the Lieutenants, with

Deputy-Lieutenants, for all Money received and disbursed by him: And if any Balance shall remain in his Hands, he shall pay the same over to them; who are hereby required to lodge the same with the Person who shall be Treasurer the ensuing Year, to be accounted for according to the Powers herein contained.

**And it is hereby Enacted,** That every Treasurer shall and may retain to his own Use, a Year for his Trouble and Pains herein; to be accounted from the to the of the ensuing Year: And that the Churchwardens of Parishes shall be liable to no military Service, during the Times they continue in their Offices, except as is herein set forth.

**And be it also Enacted,** That all imposed by this Act, not hereby otherwise disposed of, shall be paid into the Hands of the several Regimental Treasurers, to be by them accounted for to the several Lieutenants, and of their Deputies, at the Yearly Meeting; and, in their Absence, to any Deputy-Lieutenants, who shall appear thereat, to be applied to make good any Deficiencies that may happen; and, in case of none, for a Fund for Recruiting the Arms of the said Soldiers.

**And, for the better securing the Peace of this Kingdom, Be it further Enacted,** That the said respective Lieutenants, or any

any or more of their Deputies, shall be, and are hereby enabled and authorized, from time to time, by Warrant under their Hands and Seals, to employ such Person or Persons as they shall think fit, of which a Commissioned Officer, and the Constable, or his Deputy, or the Tythingman, or, in the Absence of the Constable, and his Deputy and Tythingman, some other Person, bearing Office within the Parish where the Search shall be, shall be Two, to search for and seize all Arms in the Custody or Possession of any Person or Persons whom the said Lieutenants, or any of their Deputies, shall judge dangerous to this Kingdom, and to such Arms; and thereof, from time to time, to give Accounts to the respective Lieutenants; and, in their Absence from their Counties, to neighbouring Deputy-Lieutenants; and in case of an actual Invasion, Insurrection or Rebellion, to the Houses of Persons whom the said Lieutenants, and of their Deputies, shall deem and adjudge to be dangerous: Provided that no Search be made in any House or Houses between other than in Cities, and their Suburbs, and Towns Corporate, Market-Towns, and Houses within the Bills of Mortality, where it shall and may be lawful to search by Warrant, as aforesaid, if the Warrant shall so direct; and, in case of Resistance, to ; and that the Arms so shall be restored to the Owners again, if no justifiable or lawful Cause for detaining the same shall appear within ; and also the Houses shall be released within , unless a justifiable and lawful Reason shall appear on Examination before neighbouring Justices of the Peace for securing them for a longer Time.

**And be it further Enacted,** That in case of actual Invasions, Insurrections or Rebellions (which God avert) it shall and may be lawful for his Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, to order and direct his said Lieutenants, or, in their Absence, any of their Deputies, with all convenient Speed, to draw out all the Regiments and Companies of Soldiers herein appointed to be raised and trained, or so many of them, from the Counties nearest adjoining to the Danger, as He, in his great Wisdom shall judge necessary; and the same to direct to be led, by their Officers, into any Parts of the Kingdom of *England*, Dominion of *Wales*, and Town of *Berwick upon Tweed*; there to continue for the Annoyance and Suppression of the Enemy, until the said actual Invasions, Insurrections, and Rebellions, shall be totally quelled; during all which Time, and until their Return, which shall be with all convenient Speed, all the said Officers and Soldiers



diers shall be in his Majesty's immediate Service, under such General Officers as he shall please to appoint, and have and receive from his said Majesty

: And the said Regiments and Companies of Soldiers are, during such Time, hereby subjected and made liable unto all such

any thing herein to the contrary notwithstanding; and shall be furnished with Carriages, and other Conveniencies, at such Prices, and in such Manner, as any of his Majesty's other Troops are by Law directed and required to be: And, in such case, it shall and may be lawful for the respective Lieutenants, and Deputies, and, in their Absence from their respective Counties, for any Deputy-Lieutenants, to contract for Cloaths, Linen and Shoes, in manner following, for so many Men as shall be so sent into Service; and cause the same to be furnished to them as speedily as possible; that is to say, for each Colonel at the Rate of

; for each Lieutenant-Colonel, Major, and Captain, at the Rate of ; and for each other Commissioned Officer, at the Rate of ; and for each Non-commissioned Officer, and private Man, at the Rate of

: And the said Lieutenants and Deputies shall, with all convenient Speed, give Notice of the said Contract to the respective Receiver or Receivers-General of the Land-Tax of the County or Counties whence the Soldiers shall be called; who is and are hereby impowered and directed equally to the Amount thereof, on his or their County, Riding or Division, and to

the same to the respective Treasurers of Regiments, or Clerks of Companies, so sent forth; who are hereby required to satisfy and pay the said Contracts, and to bring them to account at the General Meeting.

**And be it Enacted,** That all High-Constables, Petty-Constables, and other Officers, and other Ministers, within the Kingdom of *England*, Dominion of *Wales*, and Town of *Berwick upon Tweed*, be and are hereby required to be aiding and assisting to the Quarter Sessions, to the Justices of the Peace, and to the said respective Lieutenants, and their Deputies; and any of them, and to all to whom any Power or Authority is hereby conveyed in the Execution of the Premises, and be therefore saved harmless and indemnified.

**And,** in case it shall please Almighty God so to dispose the Hearts of Princes, that a Peace should ensue, and that the Lands of this Kingdom of *England* should be discharged of the Burden of a Land-Tax, **It is hereby Enacted,** That the then last

Land-Tax Rates shall be the Rule for levying, collecting, and charging the Quotas and Proportions for furnishing the Militia; and that the respective Lieutenants may and do appoint a Receiver or Receivers of the same during all the Times of such Hap-pinefs.

**Provided also, and be it Enacted**, by the Authority afore-said, That the Militia of the Island of *Purbeck* shall remain separate from the County of *Dorset*, as heretofore has been used; and that his Majesty's Lieutenant of the said Island, his Deputies, or any or more of them, for the Time being, shall have Power for the Levying, Arraying, Mustering, and Conducting of such Number of Foot, for the Defence of the said Island, in such Manner, and by such Ways and Means, as heretofore have been used.

**Provided also, and be it Enacted**, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend to put any new Charge of Arms upon the Tinnors in the Counties of *Devon* and *Cornwall*; but that the Lord Warden of the Stannaries for the Time being, in pursuance of his Majesty's Commission in that Behalf, and such as he shall commissionate and authorize under him, shall and may have and use the like Powers, and array, assess, arm, muster, and exercise the said Tinnors within the said Counties, and either of them, as hath been heretofore used, and according to the ancient Privileges and Customs of the said Stannaries.

**Provided always, and be it Enacted**, by the Authority afore-said, That his Majesty's Lieutenants, that are or shall be commissioned for the Militia for the City of *London*, may and shall continue to list and levy the Trained Bands and Auxiliaries of the said City, as to Number and Quality of the Persons, in manner as heretofore.

**Provided moreover**, That no Officer or Soldier of the Militia or Trained Bands, belonging to any City, Borough, or Town Corporate, being a County of itself, or to any other Corporation or Port Town, who have been used and accustomed to be mustered only within their own Precincts, shall be compellable to appear out of the Precincts or Liberties of the same City, Borough, Town Corporate, and Port Town, at any Muster or Exercise only; and every of the said Cities, Boroughs, Towns Corporate, and Port Towns, are hereby chargeable to find their usual Number of Soldiers, unless the respective Lieutenants find Cause to lessen the same; any thing in this Act notwithstanding.



**Provided**, That this Act, or any thing therein contained, shall not extend to make any Alteration in the Isle of *Wight*, as to the Militia in that Place.

**Provided also, and be it Enacted**, That whereas the Militia of the *Tower* Division, in the County of *Middlesex*, commonly known by the Name of the *Tower Hamlets*, are, and always have been under the Command of His Majesty's Constable, Lieutenant of the *Tower*, for the Service and Preservation of that His Royal Fort, That it shall and may be lawful for His Majesty's Constable, Lieutenant of the *Tower*, for the Time being, to continue to levy the Trained Bands of the said Division, or Hamlets of the *Tower*, in such Manner and Form, as to the Number and Quality of the Persons, as was observed in forming the present Forces thereof; any thing in this Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

**Provided, and be it Enacted**, That neither this Act, nor any Matter or Thing therein contained, shall be deemed, construed, or taken to extend to the giving or declaring any Power, for the transporting any the Subjects of this Realm, or any way compelling them to march out of this Kingdom, otherwise than by the Laws of *England* ought to be done.

**Provided always, and be it Enacted**, by the Authority aforesaid, That the Lord Warden of the Cinque-Ports, Two ancient Towns, and their Members, and, in his Absence, his Lieutenant or Lieutenants, shall and may put in Execution, within the said Ports, Towns, and Members, all the Powers and Authorities given and granted by any former Act or Acts; and to execute and perform all and every the things therein contained, in the like manner as the respective Lieutenants of the Counties, and their Deputies, may do; and may the usual Number of Soldiers in the said Ports, Towns, and Members, unless they find Cause to lessen the same: And that the Inhabitants of the said Ports, Towns, and Members, being, in regard of their Situation on the Sea-coasts, charged with greater Proportion of Arms, and armed Men, than other Parts of the Kingdom, shall not be charged with Arms, or armed Men, in the Counties adjacent, for their Estates there lying, save only for such Proportion as they are liable unto, and either are not or shall not be charged with, within the said Ports, Towns, and Members; any thing in any former Act or Acts contained to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.

**Provided always, and be it Enacted**, by the Authority aforesaid, That the Inhabitants and Revenues of and in the Parish  
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of *Saint Martyn*, called *Stamford Baron*, in the Suburbs of the Borough and Town of *Stamford*, on the South-side of the Waters there called *Welland*, may be to find and serve in the Trained Bands of the County of *Lincoln*, as formerly, according to any former Act or Acts, by the Lieutenant and Deputy-Lieutenants for the County of *Lincoln* for the time being, in such manner as any Persons or Estates within the said County of *Lincoln* may be by them to the Purposes aforesaid; and they of *Saint Martyn* aforesaid are hereby declared to be well and legally, by the said Lieutenant and Deputy-Lieutenants, respectively.

And be it further Enacted, That all former Acts relating to the Raising of the Militia within that Part of *Great-Britain* called the Kingdom of *England*, Dominion of *Wales*, or Town of *Berwick upon Tweed*, be henceforth

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